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Requirements on Lipetsk Tractor Plant

BACKGROUND

Production information for the Lipetsk Tractor Plant through 1955 has been reported in Soviet open sources. In 1955, the plant produced 2,255 KDP-35 general-purpose agricultural crawler tractors (none produced since 1955) and 11,846 KDP-35 universal row-crop crawler tractors, a total production of 14,101 units. Beginning in 1956, production estimates have depended upon reported deliveries to agriculture of the KDP-35 and the KDP-38 (the tractor which was to have replaced the KDP-35 in 1957). Deliveries to agriculture of the KDP-35 have ranged from 100% of production in 1950 and 1953 to about 90% in 1955. In 1956, 15,600 KDP-35 tractors were delivered to agriculture by the Lipetsk Tractor Plant, indicating a production of perhaps 16-17,000 units. The KDP-38 apparently went into production at Lipetsk some time in 1957, but no information on production plans or their fulfillment is available. A total of 17,900 KDP-35's and KDP-38's were delivered to agriculture in 1957, the bulk of which probably were KDP-35's. Reported deliveries of the two models dropped to 11,700 units in 1958. Although Source left Lipetsk in September 1957, he may be able to shed some light on production through the remainder of the year as well as on plans for 1958. Information on this particular tractor plant is so meagre, aside from production data for certain years, that any general discussion of the labor force, production plans and their fulfillment, plant size and layout (without detailed descriptions of the interior of each building), major production bottlenecks, and important personalities would be of value. (CONFIDENTIAL)

REQUIREMENTS (UNCLASSIFIED)

1. How many tractors did the Lipetsk Tractor Plant produce in total in 1956 and 1957? How many were planned for 1958?
2. Was the KDP-38 in regular production by September 1957 when Source left? If so, how long had it been in production? What was the production plan for the year? When was the KDP-35 to be phased out?
3. What is the explanation for the decrease in production in 1958? Or is this a reflection rather of increased allocations to non-agricultural uses?

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4. What allocation was made annually of the tractors which were not delivered to agriculture? Be as specific as possible with respect to the recipients (for example, local construction projects, military organizations, forestry work, or exports).

5. How many tractor engines did the plant produce annually in the 1955-57 period?

6. How many persons were employed in the plant in 1957? Had this figure changed appreciably from 1955? Were there any plans to increase the size of the labor force in the near future?

7. Did the plant or any parts of it operate under any special security measures? For what reason? Was there a military representative attached to the plant?

8. What was the general size of the plant in 1957? Had it been expanded in the 1955-57 period, or was new construction in progress when Source left? If so, what was the purpose of the new construction.

9. What were the major bottlenecks under which the plant operated, were they serious enough to result in chronic underfulfillment of production plans, and what was being done to alleviate them?

10. What were the names (including first name or initials) of the 4 or 5 most important personalities in the plant in the 1955-57 period?

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